

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A traction drive fluid composition which comprises component (A) a base oil for traction drives bearing at least one selected from a quaternary carbon atom or an alicyclic structure in the molecule and component (B) at least one polymer having a weight average molecular weight in the range of 8,000 to 40,000 and which is selected from among (a) hydrocarbon polymers each ~~containing~~ comprising as a constituent at least 10 mole% of a monomer bearing a cyclic structure, (b) hydrocarbon polymers each ~~containing~~ comprising at least 25% of quaternary carbon atoms in the backbone chain, and (c) hydrogenated products from the polymers (a) and (b).

Claim 2 (Original): The traction drive fluid composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer as the component (B) has a weight average molecular weight in the range of 9,000 to 38,000.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The traction drive fluid composition according to ~~Claim 1 or 2,~~ Claim 1, wherein the base oil as the component (A) has a traction coefficient at 140 °C of at least 0.070, kinematic viscosity at 40 °C in the range of 10 to 25 mm² / s, a viscosity index of at least 60, a pour point of minus 40 °C or lower and a flash point of 100 °C or higher.

Claim 4 (Original): The traction drive fluid composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer as the component (B) is blended in an amount of 0.1 to 20% by mass based on the composition with the base oil as the component (A).

Claim 5 (Original): The traction drive fluid composition according to Claim 1, wherein the polymer as the component (B) is blended in an amount of 0.5 to 5% by mass based on the composition with the base oil as the component (A).

Claim 6 (New): The traction drive fluid composition according to Claim 2, wherein the base oil as the component (A) has a traction coefficient at 140 °C of at least 0.070, kinematic viscosity at 40 °C in the range of 10 to 25 mm² / s, a viscosity index of at least 60, a pour point of minus 40 °C or lower and a flash point of 100 °C or higher.